

THE PEACH TREE

Celebrating 27 years of bringing the Peach heritage into homes throughout the world.

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Peach/Peachey Bridges now published

As predicted, our new book was printed and ready to be mailed by the middle of August. In just two weeks, 110 copies have been distributed, with 35 more sold just awaiting payment. I didn't have the resources to order too many extra. So if you want one, please let me know ASAP. When they are gone, the book will be out of print and unavailable. See page 6 for ordering information.

The Peach/Peachey Bridges, Vol. I, is chocked full of color illustrations all about knights and castles. This book was written to children and adults of all ages and will make perfect Christmas presents to be remembered forever.



Bridge Builders

August 28, 2010, marked the beginning of The Peach/Peachey Bridge Builders Conferences. The first one held in Nashville, TN, is portrayed above with those in attendance. **Hamp Williams** provided the photo. This is now prominently displayed on our Peach/Peachey Facebook page, as well as the one below. All were from the South Carolina Branch except Bob Peach, representing his Kentucky Branch.

The second conference was held in Eddyville, KY, with 30 adults attending. These were from the Marblehead, Southern Maryland and South Carolina Branches, as shown below. The photo was provided by **Gerald McKenna**.



Our next Bridge Builders Conference will be held in Edgewood, MD, in the Baltimore area. This will be at Gus's Pizza at 10 a.m., Sept.18. Guess what we're having for lunch? Please let me know if you can come. All are welcome.

Peach Tree Project goes world-wide!

2010 has been the year of new beginnings for the Peach Tree Project. From its humble beginnings in 1983, now 27 years later this newsletter is distributed all over the globe. This includes Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, China, Brazil and England. Rather than just reach the hundreds, now our newsletter is accessed by thousands.

2010 saw the beginning of **The Peach/Peachey Bridge Builders** yahoo group. This is only available to those who invest in our new book because this is the workbook used in our bridge building. All those in this group will be referring to pages in the book to identify on what tree they are working. Those in this group are dead serious about nothing but helping to build their bridges back to Guillaume Peche of Normandy in 1066.

2010 saw the beginning of our own **Facebook** page for the Peach/Peachey families. Thanks to Dr. Ed Peachey of New Zealand, who set this up for us. To access this: <http://www.facebook.com>, and search for Peach/Peachey.

2010 saw the beginning of **The Peach/Peachey Bridges** series of books that serve the purpose of building our bridges back to Guillaume Peche (a.k.a. William de Peche I) of 1066 AD. Each book will show the progress of each family's bridge building since the last book was published. Since we now have those dead serious about their genealogy in England and throughout the world, we have the tools we need.

Minnesota News

John Taylor of California has come out of retirement. Years ago, he discontinued his Minnesota Branch newsletter. However, as a true writer and ardent genealogist, he couldn't resist picking up his quill once again. His new publication is called, "The Familygram" and is directed to descendants of Abbie Maude Peach Stapel Taylor (1891-1982). John did a splendid job organizing the MN Peach Reunion last summer, and **Janet and Joel Hansen** opened their farm to us and treated us like we were royalty. These are memories we'll never forget.

Marblehead Happenings

Phil Peach of Oregon says, "My father **Rev. Stanley Peach**, Keizer, Oregon passed away on January 3, 2007. Service was held at Milwaukie (Oregon) First Baptist Church, with many people recalling his longtime ministry in local churches and missionary work in Taiwan for WorldVenture (formerly Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society). He is survived by wife Elna Peach (Keizer), son Philip (Happy Valley) and daughter Melody Lidtke (Keizer).

Elna Peach was blessed with her first grandchild on January 17, 2010 with the birth of Josiah Sterling Contreras to proud parents Kristyn (Lidtke) and Aundrey Contreras. Kristyn is the oldest daughter of Melody Lidtke. Kristyn was married to Aundrey Contreras on December 6, 2008.

I recently corresponded with a Portland woman named **Nicole Mones** who says she is a descendant of some Peaches who settled during colonial times in what is now **Delaware**. She has read (or perhaps owns a copy of) one of your early books.

SC Branch traced to England

I believe I have finally found the immigrant ancestor, **John Peach**, of the South Carolina Branch. After intense researching English and Virginia records, I firmly believe that our John Peach was born in Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England on 1755. We always knew he married a Rebecca, but we never knew her last name. It so happens that records show this John Peach b.1755 married Rebecca LAWSON!

I have based these conclusions on how the Peaches originally came to Virginia and from where they came. Most came from Ellastone, Staffordshire, and were directly related to our John Peach. If my conclusions are correct, John's father was also John Peach, who was born in Ellastone. His mother was Hanna Duffield, who was born in Burton-on-Trent. This is apparently how John Peach's Ellastone roots moved down the road to this new locality in Staffordshire. This is the BRIDGE that ties our South Carolina Branch directly to England and is the greatest missing link in our BRIDGE to Guillaume Peche of 1066.

The Conyers family appeared to be a powerful, wealthy family. When it came time for them to come to America, one of them, Dennis Coniers, paid for the Peaches to join him, upon which they were eventually awarded a lot of property in Virginia. 100 years later, John and William Peach end up in Virginia in Westmoreland County, where Thomas and William owned their property. They were from Ellastone, Staffordshire, the same as John and William. I have yet to determine exactly how they were related, but I believe the evidence is leaning toward the **Northern Maryland Branch** who came from Coniers Peach of Rutland being directly related to our branch. If it wasn't for the Conyers family, the Peaches may never have made it to America. By the time of their immigration, they had no nobility, no power

and probably little or no wealth. This would have made them entirely dependent on their Conyers kin to transport them to America.

Texas Branch Roots

I think I have figured out a plausible tie of the **Henderson Peach** of the Texas Branch to the South Carolina Branch from Tennessee. Ellis and Nancy Pitts (Beasley) Peach had an unnamed male child who was believed to die in the Wmson. Co., TN poor house. **Tennia Cole** of Texas said he was "about 16" in the court record of 1844. That would have given him a birth date of abt. 1828. This is the same time, this unnamed "male Peach" was born. Since his name was not even recognized in records, it appears he was just surrendered to the authorities at an early age and lost contact with his family.

Meanwhile, his mother appeared to be receiving a lot of physical abuse from her worthless husband, who had to do the best thing for her child by surrendering him to the authorities. By 1860, Nancy had moved to Perry Co., TN, with her oldest daughter, Mary Ann. This was in the direction of Lexington, TN, two counties from Henderson Co. Whether she knew her son might be somewhere in western Tennessee or not is unknown. But I propose that if this was indeed her Henderson that her motherly instincts would have drawn her in the direction of her son. All the other Peaches in middle Tennessee in my branch in that time frame are accounted for. With this family being dirt poor and suffering physical and mental abuse, this would account for the male Peach being surrendered to authorities. Along came Daniel Frisel, who adopted him. Why was he called "Henderson", possibly because he was from Henderson Co. and just called himself "Henderson" under pressure during the court proceeding to get free from Frisel. If he is linked to the South Carolina branch, then the Texas Branch can be traced back to 1700 in Ellastone, Staffordshire, England.

Penn. Branch Notes

Joyce Jordan, a Marbleheader in Oregon, tells this interesting story involving a Peach from the Pennsylvania Branch.

"In 1986 my parents were in Yucaipa, California where they went to church. The name of the pastor was **Robert C Peach**. Dad got information like names of his father and grandfather and birth place of Omaha Nebraska. I have looked through the Marblehead info. with no luck. Today, I sat down with the Heroes book and found him!!!!!!! He is from the Pennsylvania branch under Jacob Peach.

"Another interesting fact: Both Pastor Robert and Dad were born on Feb 23. At the time that probably did not come up. Love these coincidences. Thanks to the people who gave you more genealogy for *The Peach Heroes* book."

Maureen's Musings

Maureen McGowan-Singer has been off to England again doing more digging for all of us. She sent me copies of the following significant wills. These will be valuable sources for our next book.

Symon Peache, Wylestonne, Northants - 1564

Thomas Peache, Pirton, Herts(?) - 1565

Roger Peache, of the Exchange deceased abroad - 1634

William Peach of Ispwich, Suffolk - 1635

Lambert Peachy, of Gosport, Alverstoke, Hampshire - 1638

She also sent pictures her husband, Don, took of the pedigree she found at Walllett's Court in Dover. These show Sir Gilbert de Peche as owner in 1284. This appears to be Baron Gilbert Peche II shown on p. 50 of the P/P Bridges book, undoubtedly one of the most significant of our ancestry. Thanks so much, Maureen.

Kentucky Branch Awakened

Thanks to **Bob Peach** of Atlanta, the Kentucky Branch had its lone representative at the Bridge Builders Conferences. **Cindy Peach Anderson** of New York joined Bob to represent her branch as a Bridge Builder. She wrote on our Facebook, "I just found this page and love it! I'm from the Kentucky Branch. My grandmother was Sarah Jane Peach. Her father was Samuel Peach. I can't wait for the new book to arrive! Thanks to all (especially John) who worked so hard on it."

After attending the B.B. Conference in Nashville, he returned to Atlanta and says his sister, **Marianne**, is really plugged into this Bridge Building project. Bob writes, "She's made verbal and email contact with **Donald Peach** (Colorado) and his brother **Leland** (Albuquerque). They are my grandfather Everett's nephews. Turns out that neither one knew that we existed because they didn't know my grandfather had another family in his past life. So Donald's version of our family tree has a short stump for Everett. Also, my grandfather and his siblings were coal miners in the Ohio County area of Kentucky. Then some of them seemed to escape around the Depression to other parts of the country. My grandfather headed north to Detroit. So little by little we're getting a better picture of this missing chapter in our family history.

Another Kentucky Peach named **William Francis** of Florida recently wrote saying, "I married the daughter of Thomas Franklin Peach of Lawrenceburg, KY. My brother-in-law, Jerry Wayne Peach, let us know you had researched the Peach Family and have written a book about this." Doing the math, I found his wife, **Debra Mae Peach**, is the fourth cousin once removed of this Bob Peach of Atlanta. Slowly but surely, this branch is becoming more cohesive.

Bridge Bldg. Projects

Later this month, Sept. 2010, John H. Peach will spend a week in Virginia and another in New Jersey. While he is there, he will be digging deeply in the records of those branches whose roots go back through these two USA states. If anyone has some suggestions for his search, please let him know.

His priorities in Virginia will take him to the Northern Neck along the Potomac to do further research on his So. Carolina Branch beginnings in America. He will also be searching diligently for the origins of both the Kansas and Pennsylvania Branches. He believes their first ancestors in America, Charles and Jacob Peach may have been brothers, whose father was Joseph b. 1763 in Virginia. He also seeks to find out more about the possibility of Joseph coming from Jacob Peach shown below:

Immigration: sailed from Bristol, England, in 1756 and settled in Philadelphia, PA. He originally came from Graves Inn, London, and must have later migrated to Virginia because of his listing in the book, *Early VA Immigrants* by Greer. Probably a lawyer.

His travel will take him to Richmond and the coastal counties of Virginia, where most of the early immigrations occurred. He seeks to find the property owned by Samuel Peachey around 1700 in North Farnham, Richmond County. This is significant because he represents one of the families whose bridge has been built all the way back to the Peche in 1066. If anyone can help locate this property, please let him know.

In New Jersey, he will be researching the early Peachey's leading to Benjamin Peachey, a Revolutionary War soldier. He needs your ideas about places and records to search. Any help would be appreciated.

Derbyshire Diggings

We have four Bridge Builders who's searching their ancestry from Derbyshire, England. These are: **Fran Ellis** of Ohio (USA), **James W. Peach** of North Carolina (USA), **Kimberly Peach** of Derbyshire, England, and **Wendy Stringer** of Australia.

These bridges from Derby are referenced in pages 121-122 of *The Peach/Peachey Bridges*. The shire of Derby is in the heart of Peach country. Surrounding it are Staffordshire, Rutland and Leicestershire, all hotbeds for Peach ancestry. (See p. 20 of Bridges book for map of England). Therefore, Peach families seemed to intermingle between these shires, leading them to be related directly to one another many times.

Another branch seemingly related comes from Peterborough, Northants, found on pages 123-124 of Bridges. **Claire Butler** of Pennsylvania (USA) is our lone representative from there.

Now we have a new entry into the Derbyshire dilemma. **Adrian Watson** is a New Zealander currently living in San Francisco, CA. Her research involves a **William Peach** who was born 1861 in Waingroves Hall, Pentrich, Derbyshire England to William Henry and Catherine Dixon Peach. He was the grandson of Rev. William Peach, who was Church of England vicar at Brampton, Derbyshire. William (b.1861) came to the US and settled in **Pueblo, Colorado** and was a city engineer there. Could this be the possibility of a Colorado Branch in the works? Stay tuned for the next segment.

Interesting Ideas

When **Corma Overton** of Alabama received her new book, she couldn't wait to send for another one for her daughter, Christie, and granddaughter, Natalie. She writes, "Natalie is almost five and into castles and knights and kings and queens. I can just imagine how proud she will be of her heritage and the part her ancestors played in building countries."

That's exactly what I had in mind when I wrote this book. I am a child at heart who teaches 5th graders, and I wanted this to be something children of all ages would enjoy and appreciate.

Brenda Gardner of Texas says, "We sure appreciate all your dedication and hard work on our genealogy. Your book is so interesting!"

Cindy Peach Anderson of New York encouraged me with these words, "I, as I'm sure many others, appreciate all the work and time you've invested in all the projects. **Tim French** of Pennsylvania echoed her words adding, "Very impressive!"

Krista Peach of California bought Peach books for her husband and wrote: "Thanks a million! It will be fun to see Tony's reaction when he opens these at Christmas." (Thot: I sure hope he doesn't see this Peach Tree before then. It might spoil his surprise).

Pamela Fossum of Utah inspired me with this. "Thanks so much for all your work and research. I know how long it takes. I love it! (Thot: I hope so – because she bought four copies)

Peach Publications

THE PEACH/PEACHEY BRIDGES, Vol. I, In the Presence of the King

The cost is \$29.95 + \$7 shipping in USA. Canada is \$10 shipping, and all other countries is \$15 US. You can now pay by PayPal, making it much easier, especially for those outside the USA. If you choose PayPal, let me know, and I will set up the transaction for you. This is hard-bound, fully indexed, 180 pages with full-color illustrations.

1. The Peach Genealogies, Volume I - \$39.95 + \$7 shipping. Latest book on the Southern Maryland Branch.
 2. The Peach Genealogies, Volume 2 - \$49.95 + \$7 shipping. Latest book on the South Carolina Branch.
 3. The Peach/Peachey Migrations, 1066-1990 - \$39.95 + \$7 shipping. Tracing all the Peach/Peacheys back to William de Peche I in 1066 A.D.
 4. The Peach Tree Handbook, Vol. II, Southern Maryland Branch - \$29.95 + \$7 shipping. First book on this branch.
 5. The Peach Tree Handbook, Vol.III, Marblehead - \$62.95 + \$7 shipping. Only a few copies left. When they are gone, this will not be reprinted.
 6. The Peach Heroes - \$59.95 + \$7 shipping. This is 740 pages hard bound, fully indexed, and includes all the Peaches in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars and the War of 1812. All known descendants of the Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Texas Branches are included. 33333
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